

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM BARBARA BRY CITY OF SAN DIEGO DISTRICT 1

## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: August 20, 2019

TO: Honorable Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer

FROM: Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry Barbara Bry

SUBJECT: Homelessness and Vehicle Habitation Ordinance

The memorandum is in response to the August 15, 2019 Vehicle Habitation Ordinance Update Memorandum issued by the Chief of Homeless Strategy and Housing Liaison.

I am calling on you, as the Chief Executive Officer of the City of San Diego, to:

- 1. Create a Parking Ticket Forgiveness Program for the homeless via the San Diego Homeless Court Program. Chicago has recently changed its ticketing policies "designed to end punitive enforcement practices that often [disproportionately] helped push low-income drivers into bankruptcy for failing to pay parking tickets and resulted in them losing their car because they can't afford to get it out of the city pound."
- 2. Create a loan fund to assist the homeless who live in their vehicle to get their registration current instead of towing, impounding, and selling the vehicle which only adds to the cycle of poverty and homelessness.
- 3. Present a funding strategy for the above programs to Budget and Government Efficiency Committee, on October 16, 2019, that identifies all City of San Diego homeless spending categories and levels that were previously requested in my January 18, 2019 and February 19, 2019 Memorandums including:
  - a) Police salaries and overtime
  - b) Operational staff salaries and overtime
  - c) CleanSD and Environmental Services
  - d) Bridge Shelters

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://chicago.cbslocal.com/2019/07/23/parking-ticket-reforms-fines-fees-mayor-lori-lightfoot-city-clerk-anna-valencia/

- e) Transitional Storage Center
- f) Navigation Center
- g) Real Estate Assets leases and purchases
- h) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- i) Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)
- j) Final tenant improvements for the Navigation Center
- k) Security services for the Navigation Center
- l) All other costs including but not limited to personnel, operations, contracts, and supplies.

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